

lumbus now join; running thence with the said Bladen line to north west Cape Fear river; thence down the said river to the point where Hood's Creek empties in the same; thence with the run of said creek up to its source in Little Greene Swamp; thence a direct line to the source of Clear Branch and to the present Brunswick and Columbus line; thence with the line of said counties to the beginning; and all that portion of Brunswick county, embraced within the boundary above described, shall be, and is hereby transferred to, and constituted a part of the county of Columbus.

Ransom township.

SEC. 2. That the territory herein transferred from the said Brunswick county, shall constitute a township in the county of Columbus, to be known as "Ransom Township," and is hereby vested with all the powers and privileges now belonging to townships.

Treasurer of Brunswick county shall pay to treasurer of Columbus county the pro rata part of school money.

SEC. 3. That the county treasurer of Brunswick county shall distribute and pay to the county treasurer of Columbus, the pro rata part of any school money now levied and collected, to which the citizens of the transferred territory would have been entitled if this act had not passed: *Provided*, The citizens of said "Ransom Township" shall not be entitled to a distributive share of any school money now in the hands of the county treasurer of Columbus.

Proviso.

Shall establish voting precincts.

SEC. 4. That the county commissioners of Columbus county shall establish one or more voting precincts for said township, having due regard for convenience and accessibility.

Citizens of Ransom township, how they shall vote.

SEC. 5. That until the next apportionment of representation, the citizens of said township shall vote in all elections with the county of Columbus, except in the election of state senator, when they shall vote with the thirteenth senatorial district, as now constituted with Brunswick and Bladen counties.

Officers to be appointed.

SEC. 6. That the judge of probate of Columbus county shall appoint two magistrates of said township, who shall serve until next regular election for justices of the peace;